

BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of)	
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JEROME P. PATRIDGE, D.O.)	AMENDED PROBATION ORDER
)	AND STIPULATION
Holder of License No. 2031 for)	
the Practice of Osteopathic)	
<u>Medicine in the State of Arizona.)</u>		

This matter having come on regularly for informal interview before the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery on the 9th day of January, and the 5th day of June, 1987, the licentiate, JEROME P. PATRIDGE, D.O. holder of License No. 2031 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, being duly noticed and appearing in person, and the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery having conducted its informal interview of the licentiate and having afforded the licentiate an opportunity to be heard on the issues before it, and having considered all the material evidence in the matter, and being fully advised, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

II

JEROME P. PATRIDGE, D.O., is the holder of License No. 2031 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

III

On December 10, 1986, a urine sample was collected from Practitioner and tested positive for cocaine. Additional urine samples were collected in April 1987 also indicating positive for cocaine.

IV

On at least 2 occasions in 1986, Practitioner injected himself with 100 mg Demerol without being seen by a physician.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

V

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over the licentiate pursuant to A.R.S. 32-1803 and 32-1855.

VII

The conduct of Practitioner described in Paragraph III and IV above constitutes unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in ARS§32-1854.A.5, habitual use of narcotic or hypnotic drugs, or both; ARS§32-1854.A.23, use of controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless provided by a medical practitioner; and ARS§32-1854.A.20, any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the osteopathic medical profession or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or public.

VIII

Grounds exist under A.R.S. §32-1855 to take disciplinary action against JEROME P. PATRIDGE, D.O.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that JEROME P. PATRIDGE, D.O. be and hereby is placed on probation for a term of five years under the following terms and conditions:

1. Practitioner shall submit to random bodily fluid tests obtained by the Board or its designee.
2. Practitioner shall bear the cost of the terms of probation.
3. Practitioner shall appear before the Board upon reasonable notice.
4. Practitioner shall attend at least 4 AA or NA meetings per week.
5. Practitioner shall attend aftercare sessions in Needles and sign a release allowing the program to send quarterly reports of his progress to the Board.
6. Practitioner shall inform the Board of the name of his AA sponsor.
7. If Practitioner should fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, then the Board may immediately suspend License No. 2031 issued to Practitioner provided, however, that Practitioner shall be entitled to a subsequent hearing before the Board concerning only the issue of whether the terms of this Order have been violated.

ENTERED and effective this 9th day of January, 1987 and
amended June 5, 1987.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

By Madelene VanArsdell
Madelene VanArsdell.
President

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By Mary L. Tucker
Mary L. Tucker
Executive Director

I have reviewed the above Order of Probation and Stipulate
thereto.

Jerome P. Patridge, D.O.
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